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Acetaminophen	Analgesic, Miscellaneous			
Adalimumab -OR- Etanercept (can choose either product)	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying; Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocking Agent	TNF Inhibitors (2016)	ONLY In consultation with a rheumatologist	Etanercept -OR- Adalimumab (can choose either product)
Albuterol (Proventil HFA®)	Beta2 Agonist		*Branded product*	
Albuterol nebulized solution	Beta2 Agonist			
Alendronate	Bisphosphonate Derivative	Osteoporosis (2016)		
Allopurinol	Antigout Agent; Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitor	Gout (2016)		
Amitriptyline	Antidepressant, Tricyclic	Antidepressants in Pain Mgmt (2014)		Nortriptyline
Amlodipine	Antihypertensive; Calcium Channel Blocker, Dihydropyridine	Calcium Channel Blockers (2014)		Diltiazem
Anastrozole	Antineoplastic Agent, Aromatase Inhibitor			
Angiotensin receptor blocker			Removed April 2012	
Aspirin	Antiplatelet Agent; Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug; Salicylate			
Atenolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Beta1 selective	Beta Blockers (2014)		Carvediolol; Metoprolol; Propranolol
Atorvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Dyslipidemia Guideline Review (2014)		Pravastatin; Rosuvastatin; Simvastatin
Atypical antipsychotic	Atypical Antipsychotic	Atypical Antipsychotic Agents - Update (2015)	*Any product*	
Bupropion	Antidepressant, Dopamine/Norepinephrine-Reuptake Inhibitor; Smoking Cessation Aid	Nicotine Dependence (2015)		Varenicline
Calcium	Electrolyte supplement		*Any formulation*	
Carbamazepine	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptics (2014)		Divalproex; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin; Topiramate

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Carvedilol, immediate-release only	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker with Alpha-Blocking Activity	Beta-blockers in Heart Failure (2017)	Beta Blockers (2014)	Atenolol; Metoprolol; Propranolol
Chlorthalidone	Antihypertensive; Thiazide-Related Diuretic	Diuretic Agents (2014)	Chlorthalidone (2012)	Hydrochlorothiazide
Clindamycin, topical	Topical Skin Product, Acne (Lincosamide Antibiotic)	Acne (2013)	*Any product*	Tretinoin
Clonazepam	Benzodiazepine	Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome (2015)		Lorazepam
Clopidogrel	Antiplatelet Agent	Drug Interaction (2011)		Aspirin
Conjugated equine estrogens, vaginal cream (Premarin®)	Estrogen Derivative	Menopausal Hormone Therapy (2016)	*Branded product*	Estradiol tablets
Corticosteroid topical (Intermediate potency)	Topical Corticosteroids		*Any product*	Corticosteroid topical (low potency)
Corticosteroid topical (low potency)	Topical Corticosteroids		*Any product*	Corticosteroid topical (intermediate potency)
Cyanocobalamin (vitamin B12), oral	Vitamin, Water Soluble	Hematologic Supplements (2016)		
Dedicated emergency contraceptive			Removed September 2013	
Dextroamphetamine / Amphetamine (immediate release)	Central Nervous System Stimulant		Pediatric use only	Dextroamphetamine and amphetamine (long-acting)
Dextroamphetamine / Amphetamine (long-acting)	Central Nervous System Stimulant		Pediatric use only	Dextroamphetamine and amphetamine (immediate release)
Diclofenac	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)	*Any formulation*	Ibuprofen; Indomethacin; Meloxicam; Naproxen
Digoxin	Antiarrhythmic Agent, Miscellaneous; Cardiac Glycoside	NPTC Clinical Guidance - Digoxin Use		
Diltiazem	Antihypertensive; Calcium Channel Blocker, Nondihydropyridine	Calcium Channel Blockers (2014)		Amlodipine
Divalproex	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	ER Lithium & Divalproex (2012)		Carbamazepine; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin; Topiramate
Donepezil	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor (Central)		5mg and 10mg strengths	

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Doxazosin	Alpha1 Blocker; Antihypertensive	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (2016)	Alpha Antagonists (2011)	Prazosin; Tamsulosin
Emtricitabine / Tenofovir (Truvada®)	Antiretroviral; Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor	REMS Guide	Post-Exposure Prophylaxis	
Estradiol tablets	Estrogen Derivative	Menopausal Hormone Therapy (2016)	Estradiol (2010)	
Etanercept -OR- Adalimumab (can choose either product)	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying; Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocking Agent	TNF Inhibitors (2016)	ONLY In consultation with a rheumatologist	Adalimumab -OR- Etanercept (can choose either product)
Ethambutol	Antitubercular Agent			Isoniazid; Pyrazinamide; Rifampin; Rifapentine
Ethinyl estradiol / Etonogestrel vaginal ring	Contraceptive; Estrogen and Progestin Combination	Contraception (2016)		
Ethinyl estradiol / Norelgestromin, transdermal	Contraceptive; Estrogen and Progestin Combination	Contraception (2016)		
Etonogestrel, implant	Contraceptive; Progestin	Contraception (2016)	For use by a skilled and privileged provider	Oral contraceptive pill, progestin only
Fibric Acid Derivative	Antilipemic Agent; Fibric Acid	Hyperlipidemia (2017)	Removed February 2017	
Finasteride	5 Alpha-Reductase Inhibitor	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (2016)	5 Alpha-Reductase Inhibitor (2011)	
Fluoride, oral	Nutritional Supplement	Supplements in Oral Health (2016)	*Any oral formulation*	
Fluoxetine	Antidepressant; Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor			Bupropion; Sertraline; Venlafaxine
Fluticasone / Salmeterol (Advair®)			Removed October 2012	
Folic Acid	Vitamin, Water Soluble	Supplements in Womens Health (2016)	Any product containing >400 mcg / daily dose	
Furosemide	Antihypertensive; Loop Diuretic	Heart Failure Overview (2017)	Diuretics (2014)	
Gabapentin	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous; GABA analog	Gabapentin & Pregabalin in Pain (2014)		
Gemfibrozil			Removed February 2014	

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Glipizide	Antidiabetic Agent; Sulfonylurea	Sulfonylureas (2015)		
Glucagon	Antidote; Hypoglycemia		For outpatient use	
Glyburide		Sulfonylureas (2015)	Removed May 2015	
H1 Antagonist-2nd generation, long-acting	H1 Antagonist-2nd generation, long-acting		*Any product*	
Hydrochlorothiazide	Antihypertensive; Thiazide Diuretic	Diuretics (2014)		Chlorthalidone
Hydroxychloroquine	Antimalarial	Non-biologic DMARDs (2016)		Leflunomide; Methotrexate; Sulfasalazine
Ibuprofen	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac; Indomethacin; Meloxicam; Naproxen
Imipramine			Removed May 2014	
Indomethacin	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac; Ibuprofen; Meloxicam; Naproxen
Insulin / Regular human (NovoLIN® R)	Insulin, Short-Acting		*Branded product*	Insulin aspart
Insulin aspart (NovoLog®)	Insulin, Rapid-Acting	Insulins (2015)	*Branded product*; Pen Device	
Insulin aspart / Insulin aspart protamine (NovoLog® Mix 70/30)	Insulin, Combination (70/30 Mix)	Insulins (2015)	*Branded product*; Pen Device	
Insulin detemir (Levemir®)	Insulin, Long-Acting	Insulins (2015)	*Branded product*; Pen Device	
Insulin NPH (NovoLIN® N)	Insulin, Intermediate-Acting		*Branded product*	Insulin detemir
Insulin NPH / Regular human insulin (NovoLIN® 70/30)	Insulin, Combination (70/30 Mix)		*Branded product*	Insulin dpart / Insulin dpart protamine; NPH insulin
Intranasal corticosteroid	Intranasal corticosteroid		*Any product*	
Intrauterine device, copper	Contraceptive	Contraception (2016)	*Any product* For use by a skilled and privileged provider	

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Intrauterine device, levonorgestrel	Contraceptive, Progestin	Contraception (2016)	*Any product* For use by a skilled and privileged provider	
Ipratropium, MDI		COPD inhalers (2015)	Removed August 2015	
Iron, oral	Iron Salt	Hematologic Supplements (2016)	*Any oral formulation*	
Isoniazid	Antitubercular Agent			Ethambutol; Pyrazinamide; Rifampin; Rifapentine
Isosorbide dinitrate			Removed August 2013	
Isosorbide mononitrate	Antianginal Agent; Vasodilator			Nitroglycerin 0.4 Milligrams; Sublingual; Nitroglycerin patch
Lactulose	Ammonium Detoxicant; Osmotic Laxative	Cirrhosis & Complications (2015)		Laxative; Osmotic
Lamotrigine	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptics (2014)		Carbamazepine; Divalproex; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin; Topiramate
Laxative, bulk-forming	Bulk-forming Laxative		*Any product*	
Laxative, osmotic	Osmotic Laxative		*Any product*	Lactulose
Laxative, stimulant	Stimulant Laxative		*Any product*	
Leflunomide	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying	Non-biologic DMARDs (2016)		Hydroxychloroquine; Methotrexate; Sulfasalazine
Letrozole	Antineoplastic Agent, Aromatase Inhibitor			
Levetiracetam	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptics (2014)		Carbamazepine; Divalproex; Lamotrigine; Phenytoin; Topiramate
Levonorgestrel (Plan B One-Step®)	Contraceptive, Progestin	Indian Health Manual: Chap 15 (2015)	*Branded product*	Ulipristal
Levothyroxine	Thyroid Agent			
Lisinopril	Antihypertensive, Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitor	ACEIs & ARBs in Heart Failure (2017)	ACE Inhibitors (2014)	

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Lithium	Antimanic Agent	ER Lithium & Divalproex (2012)		
Lopinavir / Ritonavir (Kaletra®)			Removed August 2013	
Lorazepam	Benzodiazepine	Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome (2015)		Clonazepam
Losartan	Antihypertensive, Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker	ACEIs & ARBs in Heart Failure (2017)	ARBs (2014)	
Lovastatin			Removed April 2012	
Low-molecular weight heparin	Low-molecular weight heparin	VTE Prophylaxis (2011)	*Any product*	
Medroxyprogesterone acetate, injection	Contraceptive, Progestin (Injection/Depot)	Contraception (2016)		Medroxyprogesterone, oral; Oral contraceptive pill, progestin only
Medroxyprogesterone, oral	Contraceptive; Progestin	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (2017)		Medroxyprogesterone acetate, injection; Oral contraceptive pill, progestin only
Meloxicam	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac; Ibuprofen; Indomethacin; Naproxen
Metformin	Antidiabetic Agent; Biguanide			
Methotrexate	Antineoplastic Agent; Antirheumatic; Disease Modifying; Immunosuppresant Agent	Non-biologic DMARDs (2016)		Hydroxychloroquine; Leflunomide; Sulfasalazine
Methylphenidate (immediate release)	Central Nervous System Stimulant		Pediatric use only	Methylphenidate (long-acting)
Methylphenidate (long-acting)	Central Nervous System Stimulant		Pediatric use only	Methylphenidate (immediate release)
Metoprolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Beta1 Selective	Beta-blockers in Heart Failure (2017)	Beta Blockers (2014)	Atenolol; Propranolol
Mometasone (Asmanex®)	Corticosteroid, Inhalant		*Branded product*	Mometasone / Formoterol (Dulera®)
Mometasone / Formoterol (Dulera®)	Beta2 agonist, Long-Acting; Corticosteroid, Inhalant		*Branded product*	Mometasone (Asmanex®)
Montelukast	Leukotriene Receptor Antagonist			

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Naloxone	Antidote; Opioid Antagonist	Treatment of Opioid Overdose (2014)		Naltrexone
Naltrexone	Antidote; Opioid Antagonist	Alcohol Use Disorders (2015)		Naloxone
Naproxen	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac; Ibuprofen; Indomethacin; Naproxen
Niacin extended release (Niaspan®)	Antilipemic Agent; Vitamin, Water Soluble	Hyperlipidemia (2017)	Removed February 2017	
Nicotine replacement therapy, combination	Smoking Cessation Aid	Nicotine Dependence (2015)	Combination NRT (nicotine patches + any short-acting NRT product)	Bupropion; Varenicline
Nifedipine (controlled or extended release)			Removed August 2014	
Nitroglycerin 0.4 milligrams, sublingual	Antianginal Agent; Antidote, Extravasation; Vasodilator			Isosorbide mononitrate; Nitroglycerin patch
Nitroglycerin patch	Antianginal Agent; Antidote, Extravasation; Vasodilator			Isosorbide mononitrate; Nitroglycerin 0.4 milligrams; Sublingual
Nortriptyline	Antidepressant, Tricyclic	Antidepressants in Pain Mgmt (2014)		Amitriptyline
Omeprazole (enteric coated)			Removed February 2014	
Ophthalmic prostaglandin analogue	Ophthalmic Prostaglandin Analogue	Ophthalmic Prostaglandin (2011)	*Any product*	
Oral contraceptive pill, extended cycle	Contraceptive	Contraception (2016)	*Any product*	
Oral contraceptive pill, monophasic: 20mcg EE (low)	Contraceptive		*Any product*	Monophasic: 30-35mcg EE (medium); Oral contraceptive pill
Oral contraceptive pill, monophasic: 30-35mcg EE (medium)	Contraceptive		*Any product*	Monophasic: 20mcg EE (low) ; Oral contraceptive pill
Oral contraceptive pill, progestin only	Contraceptive		*Any product*	Etonogestrel; Implant; Intrauterine Device; Levonorgestrel
Oral contraceptive pill, triphasic	Contraceptive		*Any product*	Monophasics ; Oral Contraceptive Pill
Oxybutynin	Antispasmodic Agent, Urinary	Overactive Bladder (2013)		Trospium

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Phenytoin	Anticonvulsant, Hydantoin	Antiepileptics (2014)		Carbamazepine; Divalproex; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Topiramate
Pioglitazone	Antidiabetic Agent, Thiazolidinedione	Thiazolidinediones (2017)		
Pravastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Dyslipidemia Guideline Review (2014)		Atorvastatin; Rosuvastatin; Simvastatin
Prazosin	Alpha1 Blocker; Antihypertensive	PTSD Indication (2012)		Doxazosin; Tamsulosin
Prednisone	Corticosteroid, Systemic			
Propranolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, non-selective	Beta Blockers (2014)		Atenolol; Carvedilol; Metoprolol
Proton pump inhibitor	Proton Pump Inhibitor	Proton Pump Inhibitors (2014)	*Any product*	
Pyrazinamide	Antitubercular Agent			Ethambutol; Isoniazid; Rifapentine ; Rifampin
Pyridoxine (Vitamin B6)	Vitamin, Water Soluble	Obstetric Supplements (2016)		
Raltegravir (Isentress®)	Antiretroviral; Integrase Inhibitor		Post-Exposure Prophylaxis	
Ranitidine	Histamine H2 Antagonist			
Rifampin	Antitubercular Agent			Ethambutol; Isoniazid; Pyrazinamide; Rifapentine
Rifapentine	Antitubercular Agent	Rifapentine (2013)		Ethambutol; Isoniazid; Pyrazinamide; Rifampin
Rosuvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Hyperlipidemia (2017)		Atorvastatin; Pravastatin; Simvastatin
Salmeterol (Serevent®)			Removed September 2011	
Salsalate	Salicylate			
Saxagliptin	Antidiabetic Agent, Dipeptidyl Peptidase 4 (DPP-4) Inhibitor	DPP-4 Inhibitors (2017)		

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Serotonin 5-HT ₁ agonist (Triptan)	Antimigraine Agent; Serotonin 5-HT 1B/1D Receptor Agonist	Triptans (2016)	2 "triptan" agents required, one must be sumatriptan	Sumatriptan
Sertraline	Antidepressant, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor			Bupropion; Fluoxetine; Venlafaxine
Sevelamer (Renvela®)	Phosphate Binder	Phosphate Binder (2010)	*Branded product* For patients on dialysis that cannot use calcium based phosphate binders due to hypercalcemia	
Simvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Dyslipidemia Guideline Review (2014)		Atorvastatin; Pravastatin; Rosuvastatin
Spironolactone	Antihypertensive; Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists; Potassium Sparing Diuretic	Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonist in HF (2017)	Diuretics (2014)	
Sulfasalazine	5-Aminosalicylic Acid Derivative			Hydroxychloroquine; Leflunomide; Methotrexate
Sulindac			Removed May 2014	
Sumatriptan	Antimigraine Agent; Serotonin 5-HT 1B/1D Receptor Agonist	Triptans (2016)	2 "triptan" agents required, one must be sumatriptan	
Tamoxifen	Antineoplastic Agent, Estrogen Receptor Antagonist; Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator			
Tamsulosin	Alpha1 Blocker	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (2016)	Alpha Blockers (2011)	Doxazosin; Prazosin
Terazosin			Removed January 2012	
Tiotropium (Spiriva®)	Long-Acting Anticholinergic Agent	Spiriva (2011)	*Branded product*	Ipratropium
Topiramate	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptic Medications (2014)	Topiramate (2013)	Carbamazepine; Divalproex; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin
Trazodone		Insomnia (2015)	Removed October 2015	
Tretinoin, topical	Topical Skin Product, Acne	Acne (2013)	*Any product*	Clindamycin
Trospium	Antispasmodic Agent; Urinary	Overactive Bladder (2013)		Oxybutynin
Ulipristal	Contraceptive; Progesterin Receptor Modulator	Contraception (2016)		Levonorgestrel (Plan B One-Step®)

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Vaccines, ACIP-recommended	Vaccines	Vaccine (2011)	All ACIP recommended vaccines for routine use in accordance with ACIP guidelines	
Varenicline	Partial Nicotine Agonist, Smoking Cessation Aid	Nicotine Dependence (2015)	REMS Guide	Bupropion; Nicotine replacement therapy, combination
Venlafaxine	Antidepressant, Serotonin/Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor/Antagonist	SNRIs (2012)		Bupropion; Fluoxetine; Sertraline
Verapamil		SNR Inhibitors	Removed August 2014	
Vitamin D	Vitamin D analog	Vitamin D (2010)	*Any product*	
Warfarin	Anticoagulant; Vitamin K Antagonist	Newer Oral Anticoagulants (2013)		